Make English official? Some balk at proposal

Legislation introduced earlier this mean by U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, making Eaglash the official language of the United States of the Workshop of the United Form most Michigan officials. But U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D. Southfield, called the proposal "uncoessary and punitive."

"This country was built on creating unity out of diversity and it hink this (the iegislation) goes in the opposite direction," and Levin, whose district includes Redford Township. As proposed, Joint House Resolution 13 would "prohibit the United States, or any state, front requiring the use of a language other than

tha use or a language other man Fanglish."

The bill can not be enacted into law unless approved as a Constitu-tional amendment and must receive a two-limits vote in the both the law unless are then be passed by the outlier and the passed by the passed by the outlier and the passed by the pa

sald.

"IF YOU GO linto some sections of our large clites," he continued, "English is not even spoken or seen While this is not inherently bad, b' a problem lies with the fact that m'any people never have to know Erglish because of our bailot, education and other service programs which require, in many instances, a multilisqual format."

Levin disagrees.
"The pressures to learn English to succeed are already in place and they have worked well in the past. The process will continue to work well in the flutture, a natural process that does not penaltize people," Levin said.

FEDERAL LAW now requires that voting materials be provided in languages other than English when non-English speaking populations meet federally established formulas based on density and illiteracy.

Bi-lingual educational programs are required when students speaking English as a second language demonstrate they are not up to grade level or are doing poorly in school because they do not properly understand. stand.

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gan qualify to receive non-English printed ballots under the federal Voling Rights Act, according to Bradley Wittman, an election specialist with the Michigan Elections

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Ciyda Township and Fennville
Gity in Allegan County and Grant
Township in Newaygo County eath
has a population of at least five percent that "does not understand Engtish well drough to adequately participate in the electoral process and
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WITTMAN ALSO said other communities such as Lansing have large non-English speaking populations but do not meet federal density requirements. But he asid state balloting materials printed by the Elections Bureau are supplied to these communities as well. We try and the substitutes the supplied to the communities as well. We try and the substitute of the substitute o

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DR. MIGUEL RUIZ, chief of the bilingual migrant program for Mich-igan schools, said districts in Mich-gan received an estimated \$4 million in federal funds last year. The state contributed an equal sum to various

contributed an equal sum to various districts.
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, for example, received fed-eral and state funds totaling more than \$131,000, providing instruction to 143 students who represent 15 dif-

to 143 students who represent 15 dif-ferent languages.

In contrast, Bloomifield Hills schools identified 79 potentially ell-gible students, those who speak Eng-ths as a second language. But fill are up to grade level in academic per-formances and nono received special instruction.

RUIZ SAID the purpose of bilingual education is to mainstream students who speak Enlish as a second language into an English curriculum once they "understand well enough to comprehend what they are learn-

to comprehend what they are learn;
"Bilingual has become a political;
and emotional problem. We kook to
our neighbors in the north and see a
country divided by language. We
fear it happening here.
"I suppect the reason wo're not
impacted more severely in Michigan
is because we are not threatened by
large numbers of non-English speak;
ing people, like in places like California, Texas and Florida."

THE ISSUE whether English should be an official language was addressed last November by voters



in California who passed by a wide margin a referendum making it the official language of the state.

This point is one reason why making it the official language of the reason why making the first in the result of the result of tradition. There is no law making it the official language.

Levin said there is no need for one. "This proposal carrier all kinds of ramifications."

U.S. Rep. William Ford, D-Taylor, whose district includes Garden City, Westland, Canton Township and part of Livonia, tells constituents who inquire about his position on the issue that he is "opposed to anything that repeats bilingual education. It would be a disservice to the voters of Michigan."

FEDERAL PUNDS now help pay for billingual educational programs. Ford fears repeal of the law would cost Michigan and Michigan taxpay-

cost Michigan and Purisell, R-Plymouth, whose district includes the intrinsic whole district includes the intrinsic wholehirds of Livonia, said helfows every person entering northam swo-thirds of Livonia, said, the believes every, person entering the United States (for residency) should be required to speak English but adds, "I recognize the need for a strong second language program in our educational system."

Broomfield's proposal is presently under consideration by the House Judiciary Committee.

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pushing, lifting, turning and throwing.

Depending on the weight of the
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shoveling requires between six and
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nine mph pace, respectively.

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POR THE PERSON who is out-of-shape and unaccustomed to strenu-ophysical setting, such efforts and extensive setting activity, such efforts and exerction. The stress of mow shoveling is surther compounded by other factors. These include the excessive heart rate and blood pressure responses that occur with arm exercise, superimposed muscle straing, breath holding and the inhalation of an exposure to cold air. Among people with known or latent heart disease, these factors may lead to inadequate oxygen supply to the heart muscle, chest pain, or po-



tentially dangerous heart rhythm

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ing clearing their walks or drive-ways of snow:

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• For those who shovel, pace yourself. Adopt a work-rest approach by taking frequent breaks.

• Avoid sudden strenuous exertion. Beglis your shoveling gradually.

• Lift small loads rather than large, heavy loads. Use your arms and legs when lifting not just your arms.

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• Wear a winter mask or scarf to avoid inhaling old air or expoding the face and neck to it. A hat or cap also serves to prevent heat loss' through an exposed head.

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